Subject No. 353.

Inconveniences in the matterof conveyances experienced by travellers in the railway stations.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—On the arrival of the train at the station platforms at Bangalore and Mysore, coolies offer their services to remove the things of the travellers. In the confusion it is difficult to find out the thieves if any properties are lost. It is therefore suggested that all the coolies coming to the platforms should be made to wear distinguishing badges, so that they may be easily identified. The cooly hire should also be fixed. The absence of a rule fixing the rate of hire for a coach, jatka and common cart affords scope to drivers to deceive innocent travellers by taking excessive charges from them. It is not possible to complain in matters of this kind. It is therefore requested that a schedule of rates of hire for each kind of conveyance may be furnished to the drivers who should show them to the travellers as is the practice in Bombay and England. The drivers should be punished if they levy higher charges than the schedule rates.

Reply of Government.—The Railway Administration will be addressed regarding the proposal.

Subject No. 354.

Lavatories in the mixed trains.

Mr. Srikantaiya, Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Recently arrangements have been made for lavatories in the Mail trains. It is requested that the same arrangements may be made in the mixed trains also.

Reply of Government.—This will be communicated to the Railway Department.

Subject No. 355.

Additional platform at Birur Junction.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao. B. A. L. L. B. Advocate, was absent but Mr. Bagavanta Rao of Arsikere spoke

Summary of discussion.—At present the trains that arrive at and depart from Birur are drawn up on three lines one beyond the other. Passengers wishing to get into two of these trains will have to cross the lines which is attended with much hazard and inconvenience. The Government may be pleased to have an additional platform constructed so that the trains might be made to stand on its either side. There are also no adequate waiting rooms The present ones may be enlarged.

Reply of Government.—The Railway Company will be written to for an opinion on the proposal.

Subject No. 356.

Light Railways in the malnad.

Mr Ganesa Rao, member of the District Board, Kadur District.

Summary of discussion.—Light Railway may be constructed in the malnad.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 357.

Extension of Railway line from Nanjangud.

Mr Amble Annaiya Pandit, District Board Member, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The Railway line terminating at Nanjangud may be extended to Erode to afford greater facilities for the traffic.

Reply of Government.—Reference has already been made to the subject in the speech.

Subject No. 358.

Light Railway to Chikballapur

Mr. C. Narayanaswami Chetti, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A Company has been organised for the construction of Light Railway from Bangalore to Chikballapur and shares are being collected. The public are not readily going in for shares for want of guarantee by Government. Consequently no work has been started.